

Mr. SPEAKER:—The question is:

“That the Mysore Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1970, be passed.”

The motion was adopted.

Statement of the Revenue Minister re:

LAND REVENUE IN SHIMOGA ZONE

Sri K. H. SRINIVASA:—I was allowed to raise the point under rule 305. I was given clarification. I want specific clarification on the legal position with regard to land revenue in Shimoga zone.

† Sri H. V. KOUJALGI:—In pursuance of sub-section (a) of section 114-A of the Mysore Land Revenue Act, Revision of settlement of land revenue in the four zones noted in the margin below has been taken up under Government Order No. RD 625 SST 68-II dated 9th September 1969. Under section 114-A(c) where a settlement of land revenue is directed to be revised under clause (a), the land revenue on the lands in the zone concerned shall, pending such revision, be leviable and payable at the same rates as were in force prior to the introduction of such settlement, and after the revision of settlement of land revenue comes into force, the difference if any, between the amount of land revenue paid, pending the revision and the amount of land revenue payable for the period in accordance with the revised settlement of land revenue, shall be paid or refunded as the case may be. This point has also been re-emphasised in the letter No. RD 446 SST 69, dated 14th October 1969 issued to the Divisional Commissioners and the Deputy Commissioners concerned. It is also further clarified in this letter that there is no question of issuing notices of revised assessment of land revenue under Section 122-A in the said zones.

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| (1) Hunsur Zone XIII | (2) Chikmagalur-Hassan Zone II |
| (3) K. VIII Zone Bijapur | (4) Shimoga Zone I. |

In all zones where revision settlement has been ordered, land revenue is leviable at the pre-settlement rates, i. e. the rates that were prevailing prior to 1st July 1965. In the case of Chikmagalur, Hassan and Hunsur Zones, altogether the Jamsabandi demand had been fixed under the revised rates, only old rates of assessment are being leviable agreeably to the instructions issued in Government letter No. RD 446 SST 69, dated 14th October 1969.

As regards water rate, it is leviable under the provisions of the Mysore Irrigation (Levy of Betterment Contribution and Water rate) Act, 1957, and the rules framed thereunder. In areas where fresh revi-

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sion settlement has been ordered, water-rate is leviable in addition to the dry rates prevailing prior to the introduction of revision settlement rates which are now being reconsidered.

If there is any deviation from the above, necessary corrective action will be taken.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE MSEB FOR 1970-71 *Motion to consider*

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Chief Minister):—I beg to move
“That the Financial Statement of the Mysore State
Electricity Board for the year 1970-71 be taken into
consideration.”

Mr. SPEAKER;—Motion moved:
That the Financial Statement of the Mysore State
Electricity Board for the year 1970-71 be taken into
consideration.”

SRI VEERANDRA PATIL (Chief Minister) :—

The Mysore State Electricity Board, has in accordance with the provisions of Section 61 of the Indian Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948, submitted to Government the annual financial statement for the year 1970-71 which has been discussed and approved by the State Electricity Consultative Council. I am happy to place this statement on the table of the House for discussion.

2. The Commercial balance sheets of the Board for the year ending March 1969 have been audited and certified by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India. The Accounts of the Board have thus been brought up-to-date.

3. The Hydro Electric Works at Jog, Sivasamudram, Shimshapura and Munirabad are under the management of the Electricity Board. The Sharavathi Valley Hydro Project and Bhadra Hydro Electric Project continue to be under the control of the Government. We have decided to hand over the Bhadra Hydro Electric Project to the Board for operation and maintenance and the question of handing over the Sharavathi Valley Hydro-Electric Project also to the Board is under our consideration. The installed generating capacity in the State at the end of the Third Plan was of the order of 447 M. W. and is expected to touch 1144 M. W. by the year 1973-74 with a firm generating